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Applicant: Schade, Deborah A. et al.) Group Art Unit: 1617
Serial No.: 09/381,484)
Filed: February 28, 2000) Examiner: Shengjun Wang
For: Use of Docosahexaenoic Acid) Deposit Account: 50-1196
And Arachidonic Acid Enhancing)
The Growth of Preterm Infants)

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 21, 2001, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in light of the following arguments, and allow the pending claims. The present Response is being submitted with the required three-month extension of time request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 to extend the period of response to February 21, 2002.

ARGUMENTS

In the Final Office Action dated August 21, 2001, the Examiner rejected all the claims still pending in the present Application, claims 1-8 and 14-20, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,374,657 to Kyle in view of Crozier et al. (Monatschrift Fur Kinderheilkunde, Vol. 147, No. 7, 1995, pages 95-98). The